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SIR WALTER RAVVLEIGHS GHOST,

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Englands Forewarner.

Discouering a secret Consultation, newly holden in the Court of Spaine.

Together, with his tormenting of Count *de Gondomar*; and his strange affrightment, Confession and publique recantation: laying open many treacheries intended for the subuersion of *England*.

Crescе, Cruor Sanguis satietur sanguine crescе,
Quod spero sitio, vah sitio, sitio.

PSAL. 14. VER. 7.

Destruction and vnhapinesse is in their wayes: and the way of peace haue they not knowne, there is no feare of God before their eyes.

[Scott, Thomas]

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SIR WALTER RAWLEIGHS GHOST.

ALthough the liberty of theſe times (wherein your *Currants*, *Gazettas*, *Paſquils*, and the like, ſwarme too too abundantly) hath made all Newes (how ſerious or ſubſtantiall ſoeuer) lyable to the iealous imputation of falſhood, yet this relation I aſſure you (although in ſome circumſtances it may leane too neare the floriſh of inuention, yet for the pith or marrowe thereof, it is as iuſtly allyed and knit to truth, as the light is to the day, or night to darkeneſſe.

To hold thee then (Gentle Reader) in no further ſuſpence, be pleaſed to vnderſtand, that ſome fewe dayes after the ſolemnitie of the *Purification* of the bleſſed Virgin (according to the Roman and Spaniſh computation) It pleaſed the Maieſtie of *Spaine*, *Philip* the fourth, to retire himſelfe to his delicate houſe of pleaſure, called *Caſa del Campo*, ſituated neare vnto the towne of *Madrid* or *Madrill*, where his ſtanding Court for the moſt part continually remaineth: And the neareſt in attendance vnto him (next to the *Cound de Oliuares*) was the *Cound de Gondomar*, the Archenemie to the floriſhing Eſtate of our *England*, and the Foxe whoſe ſtench hath not cured the *Palſey*, but ra-

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ther impoiſoned & brought into an *Apoplexie* many Noble and ſome times well deſeruing Engliſh hearts. Neither was the King for his pleaſure retyred to this houſe of *Pleaſure*, but rather through the neceſſity of ſome ſpecial affaires, the greateſt wherof ſeemed to be gathered from the laſt attempt of the Engliſh vpon the Fort & Caſtle of *Punetall* & the town of *Cadiz* or *Cales*, wherin though the loſſe was not ſo great or materiall as might either make the Aſſailant or Aſſailed offer Roſes, or Nettles vpon the Altar of Fortune; yet the affront ſeemed to ſtrike a more deepe impreſſion in the hearts of the Spaniards, then could be well taken away with ſcorne (which is the enſigne of their pride) or with the hope of future aduantage (which only giues life vnto their *Enuie* and *Malice*.

And therfore now at this time & in this place, after many conſultations held with the Earle of *Gondomar*, whom the whole world Baptized the *Butteſlaue* or *Incendiarie* of Chriſtendome, the Intelligencer, *Ambaſſadour* & *Ieſuiticall Archbiſhop Leadger* (as his practiſes in our Nation hath well witneſſed) touching ſome notable reuenge to be had againſt the State of Great *Britaine*, being the onely Iewell on which *Spaine* had long ſince fixed her heart, to make her vniuerſall Monarchie euery way full and perfect, he is by command from the King (in the perſon of the *Cound Oliuares*) to make his appearāce before the Popes *Nuntio*, the Duke of *Lerma*, the Duke of *Cea*, the Duke of *Infantaſgo* & the Conſtable of *Caſtila*, who had a ſpeciall Cōmiſſion ſigned

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for that purpose, & to deliuer vnto them all those secret aduantages, which he had either by the experience of time, the cõtinuall labor of his braine, the corruptiõ of his bribes, the threatnings & insinuatiõs of his Popish Priests, the petulent flatteries of his Papisticall English Mistrisses dyuing into their husbãds Counsels, or by any other direct or indirect meanes, wonne vnto him selfe a knowledge or instruction for the alteration or subuersion of that braue & florishing *British* Monarchie. And in this charge the *C. de Oluares* according to the state and magnificence of the Spanish reseruatiõs, began to make a great florish of many demure & austere circumstances vnto the E. of *Gondomar*, concerning the greatnes of his ingagemẽt, the high Trust reposed in his singular knowledge, & the infinit expectations the King and the whole State had fixed vpon the wisedom of his proceeding; adding thervnto sundrie admonishments or Caueats to call into his remembrance, touching many alterations in the State of Great *Brittaine*, some defenciue, some offenciue since his last aboad or comercement in the same; And amongst the rest as a thing of most especiall note, the *Cound* began to repeate many relations which *Gondomar* himselfe had deliuered vnto him touching the generall warlikenesse of the *British* Nation, affirming that he had heard him say, that he had seene the very children and boys in the streete, make their sport and play a schoole of warre, and by imitation from elder knowledges to expresse in childe play, the

very excellencie and perfection of Martiall discipline, which had summoned in him both matter of passion & admiration, that he had often cryed out, *What will the English doe, euery childe will be an* Hercules *and kill a Serpent in his cradle*: This, *Oliuares* tould him was but a small shadow or little pricke to expresse a much greater substance now in vse: for since the death of King *Iames*, of euer-liuing and famous memorie, the Englishmen, who for the space of twenty two yeares before, had but as it were dallyed and plaid with Armes, rather seeking to affect it for nouelty then necessity, were now in one yeares deliberate and materiall exercise, become so singular and exquisite, that the Netherlands blusht to see themselues ouergone in a moment, & that to be made familiar in an inst ãt which they had laboured to obtaine to in diuers ages.

Besides *Oliuares* assured him that he had receiued infallible intelligẽce out of the Archduches Countries, that a hundred & odde of the best experiẽced souldiers or firemen (being all *English*) were sent frõ the States of the Vnited prouinces, into *Great Britaine*, to educate and instruct in Martiall discipline euery seuerall Country and Prouince, in so much that the whole Iland was nothing now but a Nurcery of excellent and exquisite Souldiers.

To this *Gondomar* replyed that he had from certaine Iesuites in *England*, receiued the like intelligence, and with this addition, that those excellent elected men in the Low-countries found their equall Schoole-fellowes, nay many Tutors and

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experienced Masters when they came into *England*, so that indeed their neceſſitie did but conuerte to ſuperfluity and a little loſſe, to ſome that were of much better deſeruing.

Yet ſaid *Gondomar* further, for mine owne part though this make much for our terror & amazement; and that we muſt with *Curtius* leape willfully into a Gulphe of certaine ruine ere we can hope of reuenge or triumphe, yet doth this new Militarie courſe little moue my blood; for though I muſt confeſſe the Nether-lands to be the onely vnparaleld Schoole of warre in the whole world, yet the onely thing it teacheth is *Forme* and *Fire*, *Intrenchment* and *Beſiegement*; but for the *vſe of the Sword*, *puſh of the Pike*, *bringing of Groſſes bodie to bodie and hand to hand*, *the exerciſe of euery priuate ſtrength*, *and the fortune of Battles*; Things which the *Engliſh* muſt of neceſſitie be expoſed vnto, *Hoc raro aut nunquam*; And therefore (my Lord) I tell you, I more quake when I ſee an old Iriſh Commander drilling an Engliſh Company, who neuer beheld an enemie but he felt his Sword and knew his Target, then when I ſee infinits of golden fellows, teaching men onely dance to the tune of *Poſture*, or framing *Chimeras* in their braines, whether the Pike and the Bowe, or the Pike and Dragoone, or Pike and long Piſtoll be of greater importance: But of theſe things wee ſhall haue a larger time to diſcourſe & thinke vpon, it ſufficeth me that I knowe my Royall Maſters pleaſure & your honorable inſtructions; all which I will ſtudie, to ſatisfie onely

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diuers things are (through other imployments) laid as it were aside from my memory, not vtterly forgotten, therefore I beseech I may haue the respite of some fewe houres to recken with my former knowledge, and so yeeld vp the whole summe of my duty and seruice.

To this *Oliuares* seemed exceeding willing, & so the Earle to make choise of his best time, they departed one from the other, *Oliuares* returning to satisfie the King, & *Gondomar* taking his Litter, went backe to *Madrill*, where what contention grew betwixt him & his old acquainted mischieues, how euery minute hee produced new and vnnaturall Cocks-egges, brooded them from the heat of his malice, hatcht them with the deuilishnes of his *Policie*, and brought forth Serpents able to poyson all *Europe*, is a Discourse monstrous and almost inexpressable; I will therefore omit this mutinie of his troubled thoughts and onely pitch vpon this one accident, no lesse strange then memorable; wherein as in a Mirror euery eye may behold the weakenesse of a guilty thought, and how easily frailty is surprised and ouercome, when it encounters with these two maine enemies of our blood, *Feare* and *Amazement*.

It so fell out, that the Morning before the Noone on which *Gondomar* was to appeare before the designed Commissioners, partly to refresh his perturbed spirits with the pure Ayre, and to recollect vnto himselfe all those thoughts and circumstances which might make a glorious

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passage for the huge and monstrous bodie of mischiefe where withall he was that day in labour; he caused his attendants to bring him in his Litter to the *Prada*, neare vnto the Cittie of *Madrill*, being a place of recreation and pleasure for the Nobilitie and Gallantrie of Spaine, not much vnlike to our new *More field* walkes, neare to the Cittie of *London*, onely that this is more priuate and reserued; for as ours is common to all men of all sorts, so is this *Prada* onely but for the King, the *Grandies* of Spaine, the Nobilitie and some Gentlemen of the vppermost or best qualitie.

After *Gondomar* had in this place of recreation taken a turne or two in his Litter, whether hee found his ruminations disturbed with the vneasie pace of his Mules, or that he had not elbow roome enough in his Litter, to giue action and grace to many of those damnable thoughts which in that houre gaue him singular contentment, for the Spaniard is not of our dull Englisn qualitie, to let his words passe from him as neglected strangers or thoughts out of the compasse of his dearest familiaritie, but rather as deare children or choicest friends, to lend them admiration with his eyes and hands, to adorne them with expectation in the shrugge of his shoulders, and with a thousand other minicke gestures, to make a speech that is as triuiall and vnseasoned as folly it selfe, to appeare as serious as if it were a *Delphan* Oracle: vpon some one or other of these Spanish disgusts, this Fox (our Earle) vnkennels himselfe and makes his

ſeruants take him from his Litter, then placing his chaire (the true ſworne brother, or at leaſt the neareſt kinſman that might be to a cloſſe-ſtoole) vnder the ſhadowe of certaine trees, in a walke more reſerued then the reſt, he commanded his attendants to withdraw themſelues; and he had reaſon ſo to doe for two principall reſpects: the firſt, leaſt his anticke poſtures, mumps, moes and Munkey-like wrye faces might drawe laughter or ſcorne from his vaſſals, or laſtly leaſt the violence of his ſtudie and meditations might make ſome words fall from him, which he thought too precious for another mans boſome.

Being obeyed in all his commandements, and ſeated thus alone by himſelfe, onely guarded by his two choiſe friends *Malice* and *Miſchiefe*, he had not cald vp many euill thoughts to appeare before him, when on a ſodaine (according to the weakeneſſe of his apprehenſion) there ſhined round about him a moſt glorious and extraordinary light; which might be taken rather for fire or flaming, then ſhine or glittering: and this appeared ſo ſodainely, ſpred it ſelfe ſo largely and increaſed ſo violently, that terror, feare and amazement at one inſtant raiſd vpon the heart of the Earle, and with their colde qualities did ſo ſtupifie, dull and contracte all his ſpirits, that as if he had ſeene *Meduſas* head, the poore *Don* was become altogether a peece of yce or marble; he had no ſpirit to remember there were ſpirits, his croſſings and bleſſings, his holy water and his *Agnus Dei*, his Monks

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charmes, and his Iesuites coniurations were all now turnd to quaking and trembling, to staring & starke madnes, to gaping and groaning, to wante of words through strife for words, and indeed to what not that might shew the singularnesse of a perplexed astonishment? his night-cap throwes his hat in the dust, and his haire makes his cap fly into the aire like a feather; he doth reuerence but sees no Saint, would faine vtter either salutatiõs or curses, but knows not by what name to cal his controller: In the end starting and standing vpright, seeming to see what he would not see, or to finde out that with curiositie, which he had rather loose with the best care of his spirits; straddling like a Colosses, as if he neither respected present perils, nor feared those which were further off, he lookt as if he would look through the pure ayre, and though it haue truely no colour, yet was his searche so diligent that he appeared to find out a constant complexion; yet all was but his new feare, which neither the manner of his life (which had euer beene desperate, subtile, and reserued) the condition of the times (at that time and in that place free from perplexities and incumberance) the state of his affaires (rather rising then declining) nor his present negotiations strong enough to haue encountred with any *Goliahs* amazement, was able now to keepe constant any one ioynt about him: I haue read that the Duke of *Burgundie* had like to haue dyed at the sight of the nine Worthies, which a Magician had discouered but: our *Don Gondomar*

is like now to dye at the ſight of nothing but aire and his owne imagination; for he had euery ſymptome of death about him, as a body trembling, a ſtomach ſwelling, fore-head turnd yellow, eyes dead or ſinking, a mouth gaping, & what not that could ſay our *Don* is now vpon the pitch of departing. They ſay that great Princes ſhould neuer ſee the portraiture of feare but vpon their enemies backes; ſure I am *Gondomar* now ſawe both feare and cowardiſe vpon his owne heart. But why ſhould I driue you off with more circumſtance? the nakednes of the truth is, that as he gazed thus fearefully about, there appeared or ſeemed to appeare before him the Ghoſt of Sir *Walter Rauleigh* Knight, a Noble famous Engliſh-man and a renowned Souldier: at this apparition the Earle fell downe flat to the earth vpon his face (for backeward he durſt not, leaſt he might giue an offence to his Surgion) and yet the poſture in which this Noble Gentleman appeared, how euer fearefull to the guilte of *Gondomars* conſcience, yet it was amiable and louely to any pure and honeſt compoſition, for he was armed at all peeces, and thoſe peeces of ſiluer, which is the enſigne of innocence and harmleſneſſe: In his right hand he brandiſhed his ſword, which was an inſtrument that had beene euer fatall to Spaniſh practiſes, and had not the edge beene taken off by this Foxes ſubtilities, I perſwade my ſelfe (by this time) it had neere made a new conqueſt of the Weſt Indies; in his left hād he ſeemed to carry a cup of gold filld with blood,

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which blood he ſprinkled, ſome vpon *Gondomar* and ſome vpon the ground, vttering in an hollow and vnpleaſant voyce, theſe or the like words following.

Creſce Cruor, Sanguis ſatietur ſanguine Creſce, quod ſpero Sitio, ah Sitio, Sitio.

Gondomars attendants who had all this while (a farre off) beheld their Lords actions, ſeeing him now falling downe in this trance, came with all poſſible ſpeede running vnto him, but ere they could offer an hand to his aſſiſtance, they might heare him vtter words of that ſtrange nature and qualitie, that their feares bridled their charities, and they were rather willing to let him lye ſtill, bending their attëtions to his words, then by a too officious diſturbance to break off any parte of that diſcourſe which might either make for the bettering of the knowledge of the State, or otherwiſe be applyed to future ſeruice, at which theſe vnnaturall and abortiue accidents euer point, & therefore fixing their eyes and their eares conſtantly vpon him (as he lay groueling on the earth) they might heare theſe, or like words much like vnto theſe, proceed from his perplexed and amazed ſpirit.

Bleſſed ſoule (Noble Sir *Walter Rawleigh*) what haue I to doe with thy goodneſſe, or wherefore haſt thou left the peacefulneſſe of thy reſt, to torment and call me to account ere the prefixed and full day of my tryall be comed, and that I muſt ſtand face to face with thee and a world of others

before the greateſt Tribunall, I can confeſſe mine iniquities, and that I haue beene to the King my maſter, as *Borgia Cæſar* was to Pope *Alexander* the ſixt, an inſtrument willing to take vpon me any or all manner of ſinnes how odious or vild ſoeuer, ſo I might but make *Spaine* looke freſh, & that thoſe imputations (which otherwiſe might haue drownd her) might be but put into the Catalogue of my ſeruices, though defame and curſes were heaped vpon me, in much greater quantities then *Oſſa*, *Pelion* or *Pindus*. I doe confeſſe I haue beene the very Noſe of the Spaniſh State, through which hath beene voyded all the excrements both of the head and the whole body: I haue beene a channell or a Common-ſhoare to the Church of *Rome*, and what either Pope, Prieſt, Knaue or Ieſuite could inuent, I haue not left to put in practiſe: I knew the odiouſneſſe of conſpiracies, and how hatefull they are both to God and man, yet had I neuer the power to leaue conſpiring: I knew both that the Law of God and the law of *Honour*, tyed Princes to deteſt conſpiracies, and had many times read ouer that notable Hiſtorie of *Lewis* the eleuenth, and could my ſelfe repeate the noble and famous praiſes which all *Europe* gaue him for aduertiſing his Arch-enemie the Duke of *Burgundie* of an attempt againſt his perſon: but what hath this wrought in me? certes nothing but more flame and more fuell, ſo long as my thoughts were buſied with the ſtudie and remembrance of an vniuerſall Monarchie.

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I confeſſe I haue many times ſaid (how euer I haue beleeued) that thoſe great ones which ſeeke to make away their enemies otherwiſe then by Iuſtice or the euent of warre, ſhewes minds baſe and coward, and that their ſoules are emptie of true courage, fearing that which they ſhould ſcorne: I confeſſe I haue admired the goodneſſe of *Fartious* who deliuered into *Pirrhus* hand the ſlaue that ſhould haue poyſoned him: I haue made *Tiberius Cæſar* a demy-god, for anſwering a King of the *Celtes* which made him an offer to poyſon *Arminius*, *That Rome did not vſe to be reuenged of her enemies ſecretly and by deceite, but openly and by armes*; but haue I purſued this honorable tracte: haue any of my ghoſtly fathers the *Ieſuites*, or my maſters the *Inquiſitors* giuen examples for theſe reſtrictions? no, their leſſons are of a cleane contrarie nature; they ſay *Flaminius* was an honeſt man when hee made *Pruſias* the King of *Bithinia* violate all the lawes of hoſpitalitie and vertue, in the murther of *Hanibal*, but the whole *Senate* condemd the action for moſt odious, accuſd *Flaminius* of crueltie and coueteouſneſſe, of vaine glory and of oſtentation: and queſtionleſſe had they had any touche or feeling of Diuinitie or Chriſtianitie they could not haue found any other ranke for him, then that next vnto *Iudas*: theſe faire paths I haue knowne, but theſe I haue forſaken: and as *Flaminius* was the cauſe of *Hanibals* death out of an ambitious emulation, that he might in the Hiſtories of ſucceeding times be made notorious and eminent for ſo foule

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an action. So I must confesse I that haue the whole course of my life labourd continually in the deep myne of pollicie; haue not spared any blood (how excellent soeuer) so I might be remembred in our after Annals, for one of the chiefe master workemen which went to the building vp of the *King* my masters *Vniuersal Monarchy:* And in this I must confesse, most blessed soule, that thy death, thy vntimely (& to the *Kingdom* of Great *Britane*) much too early death (which with all violence & with all the coniurations, perswasions & exãples that could tye & bind together the hearts and bodies of Princes, I did both plot, pursue, effect and consumate) was one of the greatest masters peeces in which I euer triumphed; I haue made my selfe fat with thy downefall: and the blood which issued from thy wound, was *Nectar* and *Ambrosia* to my soule; for from thy ending I knew rightwell must proceed *Spaines* beginning: for neuer could the Spanish *King* say as the French *King* did, *Ie suis Royseul*, I am *King* alone of the *Indies* as long as *Rawleigh* liued, whose knowledge and experience was able to diuert, conuert and turne topsie turuie all his conquests, all his proceedings. I say the tottering ground wheron my *Kings* title to the *Indies* stood, that it was nothing but violence and force, tyranie and vsurpation, and that if a stranger or more gentle army should enter, how easie it was to set vs besides the cushion; this I knew thou knowest, and what not besides which belongeth to so great an attempt and triumphe? I must confesse I haue

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called vp into my minde the honour, the antiquitie and greatneſſe of thy great Familie, how rich thou wert in blood and friends, the whole Weſt of the Engliſh Nation depending on thine allyance: The manner of thine education, which was not part but wholy Gentleman, wholy Souldier, the edowments of thy vertues, which was Learning and Wiſedome; the aduancement of thoſe endowments, which was to be the greateſt, the beſt, the moſt renowned Princeſſe that euer breathed in *Europe*; and in the greateſt time of the greateſt actions, the buſieſt time of the moſt troubled Eſtates, the wiſeſt time for the diſcuſſion of the moſt difficult affaires, and the onely time that did produce the excellencie and perfection of *Wiſedome*, *Warre* and *Gouernment*, ſo that nothing could be hid from thy knowledge, neither wouldſt thou ſuffer any thing to be concealed from thine experience, for thou hadſt euer a mind actiuely diſpoſed; and howſoeuer thy fortune was accompanyed with all manner of felicities, things able in themſelues to haue drawne thy minde from all other obiects, and to haue ſetled thee vpon this Theorie, that ſolitarineſſe is the moſt excellenteſt condition belonging vnto mankinde, in as much as in it he onely findeth the true tranquilitie of the minde, for nothing is wanting in that quiet habitation; *Manna* fals there, the Rauens bring bread from heauen; if the waters be bitter, there is wood to ſweeten them: If the combate of *Amalec* & *Edom* be there, the triumphs

of *Moſes* & *Ioſua* are likwiſe there, for what cannot a life retired either ſuffer or care in its contemplation; yet all this thou didſt neglect, and both contradict and diſproue: thou kneweſt this life vnfit for thy greatneſſe, and thou wert not borne for thy ſelfe but thy Countrie, thou kneweſt the Sea, wherein euery great ſoule ſhould wander: had no hauen but the graue, and that as they liued ſo they ought euer to dye in action. Hence it came, that euen in the very floriſh and glorie of all thy great eſtate, thou betookeſt thy ſelfe to the Seas, and what thou haſt before by thy purſe and infinit great charge in the actions of other men wonne and annexed to the Diademe of thy great Miſtris, now thou doeſt in thine owne perſon take a vewe and ſuruay of the fame, applying knowledge to report, and making thine owne experience a controller to other mens relations: I dare not (for the honour of my Nation) vnfolde the woefull perplexitie in which Spaine ſtood during this tedious voyage, how ſhe quaked to thinke of the generall viewe which thou hadſt taken without impeachement of all the Weſt *Indies*; but moſt of all when ſhee was aduertiſed of thy long and laborious paſſage vpon the riuer *Oranaque*, the diſtinguiſhments which thou hadſt made betwixt it and the riuer of *Amazons*; and the intelligences which thou hadſt gotten for thine aſcent to the great Cittie of *Manoa* and Kingdome of *Guyana*; deſignes which if they had beene purſued according to thy willingnes and knowledge,

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we had not at this day acknowledged one foote of earth for ours in all the West *Indies*: O the miserable estate of Spaine if these things had proceeded! she had then, which now threatens all, begd of all; and the Pistolets of gold and peeces of plate wherewith it now corrupts and conquers Nations, had then beene turnd to Leather or Iron, or some other Spanish stuffe more base and contemptible: Was it not now high time to conspire against thee, to digge mine vnder-mine, to enter into familiaritie with malcontents, to seduce some, to bribe others, to flatter all; to preache a thousand most damnable false doctrines, for the subuersion of Princes and the destruction of their faithfull seruants: was it not time for vs to make Religion a cloake for our villanie, and vnder the Lambs Furre to couer the Wolues policies? beleeue me (blessed shadow) had we either made conscience of sin, or scruples for the maintenance of Honour, we had not subsisted as we doe, but had sadly laine like those which now lye captiued below vs; can Spaine euer forget thine attempt vpon her owne confines and in her most secureſt places, call vp *Cadiz* to witnesse, she will shew you some of her ashes; call the Kings great *Armada* to account, which was led by his twelue (supposed inuincible Apostles) and the most of them must rise from the bottome of the seas, some must desimbogue from your our owne harbours: Let *Pharaoh* in *Portugall* speake, and she will confesse that her Church will yet hardly couer her Idols. When I

looke vpon the Ilands of the *Azores*, me thinkes I see *Fiall* burning in the flames which you cast vpon her, whilst all the rest bring in the tributs of their best wealths, to saue themselues from perishing. Lastly but not least, for from it I raisd the groundworke of thy fatall destruction; I cannot but recount thine action vpon the Towne of St *Thoma* standing vpon the riuer of *Oronoque*, how fit it lay as a bayte to drawe thee into mischiefe, and how brauely it gaue me occasion neuer to desist till I saw thy ruine; alas, was that despised Towne to be prised with thy life, with thine experience, with thine abilitie to direct, or with the least parte of thine actions? no, it was not, onely my malice made it inestimable, and my continuall solicitations, mine imprecations, my vowes, mine exclamations vpon Iustice, mine instances on the actions of pious and religious Kings, and the darings of too bold and ambitious Subiects, was so importune and violent, that but the great forfeiture of thy blood, my furie could finde no satisfaction: hence you fell, and that fall was to me more then a double Banquet; for now mee thought I saw all things secure about me: Now said I to my selfe, who shal shake any one stone in our building? who shall giue vs affright by sea, or shew vs the terrors of the land? what shall hinder vs now to bring home our gold in Caruiles, and our marchandize in Hoys and Flyboats? all is ours, the Ocean is ours, and the *Indies* are ours: this could wee neuer boast before, yet this was my

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worke, and in this I triumphed.

At theſe words the Ghoſt appeared to ſhewe anger, and menacying him with frownes and the ſhaking of his ſword, the poore *Don* lifting vp his armes vnder his cloake, ſhewd his red badge of the Order of *Colotrauia*; but finding the croſſe vtterly void of vertue to diuert that charme, he began to crye out againe in this manner.

Doe not miſtake me (bleſſed Soule) in that I haue ſaid I triumphed, for I will now with griefe and repentance buy from thy mercy my abſolution. It is true that then I triumphed, for what is he that takes in hand any labor or worke of high conſequence, but when he hath finiſhed it to perfection, hee ſits downe and reioyceth? So I that ſaw (not a farre off but neare at hand) the infinite hinderances, rubs and impediments, which thy knowledge, thy valour, thy command and experience, might bring to any worke vndertaken by my King, for the aduancement or bringing forward of his vniuerſall Monarchie: and when I pondred with my ſelfe, that no Nation vnder heauen was ſo able in power, ſo apt in the nature and diſpoſition of the people, nor ſo plentifull in all accomodations, both for ſea and land, as this Iland of Great *Britaine*, to oppoſe or beate backe any or all of our vndertakings, When I ſaw *France* buſie both at home and abroad, the Lowe-Countries carefull to keepe their owne, not curious to increaſe their owne; when I ſaw *Germany* afflicted with ciuill anger, *Denmarke* troubled to

take trouble from his deareſt kinſman: the *Polander* watching of the *Turke*, and the *Turke* through former loſſes, fearefull to giue any new attempt vpon Chriſtendome, and that in all theſe we had a maine and particular intereſt: when I ſaw euery way ſmooth for vs to paſſe, and that nothing could keepe the Garland from our heads, or the Goale from our purchaſe but onely the anger or diſcontent of this fortunate Britiſh Iland; blame me not then if I fell to practiſes vnlawfull, to flatteries deceitfull, to briberie moſt hurtefull, and to other enchantments moſt ſhamefull, by which I might either winne mine owne ends, or make my worke proſperous in the opinion of my Soueraigne. I confeſſe I haue many times abuſed the Maieſtie of Great *Britaine* with curious falſhoods, I haue proteſted againſt my knowledge, and vttered vowes and promiſes which I knew could neuer be reconciled: I haue made delayes, ſharpe ſpurs to haſten on mine owne purpoſes, & haue brought the ſwifteſt deſignes to ſo ſlowe a pace, that they haue beene loſt like ſhadowes, and neither known nor regarded: I lookt into your Common-wealth, and ſaw that two and twenty yeares eaſe had made her grow idle; I ſaw the Eaſt *Indies* eate vp and deuoure your Mariners & Sea-men, & time and old age conſume and take away your land Captaines; and of all, none more materiall then your ſelfe: Blame me not then if I made thine end my beginning, thy fall the fulneſſe of my perfection, and thy deſtruction the laſt worke or maſter-peece of

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all my wisedome and pollicie. This is the freedome of my confession, and but from this sinne absolue me, and I will dye thy penitent in sackecloath and ashes.

At these words the apparition seemed (in the searefull imagination of the poore *Don*) to be more then exceeding angrie, and lookt vpon him with such terror and amazement, that *Gondomar* fell (with the affright) into a trance or deadly sound, whilest the Ghost seemed to vtter vnto him these or these like words following.

To thee whom base flatterie, wante and coueteousnesse hath guilded with these fooliſh and vnfitting hyperboles, as to call thee,

The Flower of the West,
The delight of Spaine,
The life of wit.
The light of wisedome.
The Mercurie of Eloquence.
The glorie of the Gowne.
The Phebus in Court.
Nestor *in Counsell.*
Christian Numa,
and principall ornament of this time.

Gondomars false Title or Stile.

Lord Diego Sarmiento de Acuna, Most honorable Earle of Gondomar, *Gouernour of* Menroyo, *and* Pennarogo, *of the most honorable Order of* Colatrauia, *Counsellour of State, one of the Kings Treasurers, Embassadour for his Catholicke Maiestie to his Royall Maiestie of England, Regent of the Towne and Castle of* Bayon, *President of the Bishopricke of* Tuid *in* Galitia,

litia, *Chiefe Treasurer of the most noble Order of* Alcantara, *One of the foure Iudges of the sacred Priuiledges, Pronotarie of the Kingdome of* Toledo, Leon *and* Galitia, *and Principalitie of* Astures, *And Lord high Steward of the most Puissant,* Philip *the IIII. King of all the* Spaines *and of the* Indies.

Loe thus I salute thee with thy true Stile and eminent Inscription according to thine absolute Nature, Qualitie and Profession:

To thee then that art,

The poysonous weed of Europe.
The Atlas of Spaines *sinnes and conspiracies.*
The Deuils foole.
The Wisemans Bugbeare.
The Mercurie *of knauish Policie.*
The disgrace of Ciuilitie.
The Buffoone in Courte.
Ate in Counsell.

Gondomars true Title or Stile.

Atheist, for the Popes aduantage, and principall Intelligencer betweene Hell and the Iesuites.

Don Diego Sarmiento de Acuna; Most dishonorable Earle of Gondomar, *Poulder and Piller of* Menroyo, *and* Pennaroyo, *of the riche couetous Order of* Colatrauia, *Gazetist of State, one of the consumers of the Kings purse, Intelligencer for his Catholicke Maiestie against the Royall Maiestie of* England, *Spoiler of the Towne and Castle of* Bayon, *an ill example to the Bishopricke of* Tuid *in* Galitia, *Chiefe cash-keeper for the Order of* Alcantara, *One of the foure Bribe-takers for the prophane priuiledges, Promoter for the Kingdome of* Toledo, Leon *and* Galitia, *and Principalitie*

cipalitie of Aſtures, *and a continuall Broker betweene the King of* Spaine *and the Pope, and betweene the* Ieſuites, *the* Inquiſitors *and the Deuill.*

Harken to my detection, and though I knowe thou canſt ſteale and kill, ſweare and lye, weepe and wound, and indeed doe any thing that is contrarie to Truth and Iuſtice; yet in this accuſation, ſhame and thine owne putrified conſcience ſhall be witneſſes ſo powerfull and vndaunted, that thou ſhalt not be able to refell any one allegation or ſmalleſt particle.

To begin then with mine owne end, though I know the day of my death was the greateſt Feſtiuall that euer thy fortune did ſolemnize, though it brought to *Spaine* a yeare of *Iubile*, to thy reputation *Abſolans* pillars, and to euery Papiſticall Miniſter in the world, the praiſe of his Arteſ-maſter; yet poore deſpiſed mortall, know, it was not you, but a more diuine and inſcrutable finger which pointed out my deſtinie to this manner of end & deſtruction, neither is it fit for the humility of ignorant man to open his eyes, as daring to preſume to gaze on the radiant beames of that ſoueraigne power, which diſpoſeth of ſecõdcauſes as he pleaſeth: neither doe I afflict thee as my particular executioner, but as my Countries generall enemy: It ſufficeth me that the great God who is Iudge of life & death, hath diſpoſed of my life, & after this early manner, that in it he might expres the effects of his Iuſtice; therefore trouble not thy ſelfe with my death which was thy comfort, but be vexed at

thine owne life, which is nothing but a continuall pilgrimage to Ambition, and an vndermining Moale to digge downe the Church of God, and to bring the Gospell of our blessed Sauiour into eternall captiuitie. Hast not thou beene an vntired packe-horse, trauelling night and day without a baite, and loaden like ad Asse, till thy knees haue bowed vnder the burthen of strange and vnnaturall designes, by which to aduance thy Master to the vniuersall Monarchie of all *Europe*? This thy feare hath made thee confesse, but this thy flatterie and falshood will deny, should not the efficacie of truth make it most apparant and pregnant: Therefore to enter into the first streames from whence *Spaine* hath gathered the great Ocean of its Soueraigntie, there is no fountaine more remarkable then the Battle of *Alcazar* in *Barbarie*, where the too forward *Don Sebastian* King of *Portugall* (whether slaine or not slaine) ingaging himselfe too vnfortunately, gaue occasion to *Philip* the second of *Spaine*, to enter and vsurpe vpon his kinsmans Kingdomes, to expell *Don Antonio* from his right and inheritance, and as it is strongly supposed, to cause the true King himselfe to dye in the Gallies; hence he became King of all the *Spaines* and *Portugall*, puld to himselfe the Soueraignetie both of the Hands of the *Canaries* and of the *Azores*, the one securing his way forth, the other securing his way home from the West *Indies*, and so made the conquest thereof more safe and vndoubded: hee tooke also by the

ſame intereſt many ſtrong holds & marchantable places in the Eaſt *Indies*, ſo that ſitting now alone in *Spaine* without a competitor, and hauing treaſure from the Weſt *Indies* wherewith to pay Souldiers, and marchandize from the Eaſt *Indies* wherwith to enrich his owne ſubiects, what could he, or what did hee contemplate vpon but the augmentation of his Monarchie: Hence it came that his warre grewe violent vpon the Low-Countries and vnder the Gouernments of the Duke of *Alua*, and *Don Iohn* Duke of *Auſtria*, the tyrannies ſo inſufferable, that all manner of freedomes were conuerted to ſlaueries, and the blood of the Nobilitie made only foode for the ſlaughter-houſe, yea ſuch as were remote and ſtood farther off from his crueltie, depending vpon their owne rights and vnder the couert of their owne guards, were not yet ſafe from *Spaines* conſpiracies, and that witneſſeth the death and murther of the famous Prince of *Orange*, the impriſonment and death of his eldeſt ſonne, and a world of infamous practiſes againſt the life of Count *Maurice*, the laſt Prince deceaſed, and againſt the ſafetie of Count *Henrike* the Prince now ſuruiuing: what incrochments were daily made vpon theſe diſtreſſed Prouinces, all the Princes of *Europe* bluſh to behold, and had not *Elizabeth* my dread Ladie and Miſtris of famous and bleſſed memorie, taken them to her Royall protection, they had long ſince beene ſwallowed vp in the gulphe of his tyrannie, and none of them now liuing had knowne the name of

free Princes: and as this worke was begun by *Philip* the ſecond, ſo it was continued by *Philip* the third, and is now at this houre as earneſtly purſued by *Philip* the fourth and his ſiſter the Archdutcheſſe, and rather with gaining then looſing; ſo that ſhould *England* but turne its face a little away from their ſuccour, there would be a great breache made in the hope of their ſubſiſting.

But you will anſwere, that if *Spaine* had fixed down its reſolution vpon an vniuerſall Monarchy, they had neuer then harkned to a peace with the Nether-Lands: to this thine owne conſcience is ten thouſand witneſſes, that the peace which it entertained, was nothing elſe but a politicke delay to bring other and imperfit ends and deſignes, to a more fit and ſolid purpoſe, for effecting of his generall conqueſt: for what did this Truce, but diuert the eyes of the Nether-lands (which at that time were growing to be infinit great maſters of ſhipping) from taking a ſuruay of his *Indies*, and brought a ſecuritie to the tranſportation of his plate and treaſure, and made him ſettle and reinforce his Garriſons which then were growne weake and ouertoyled, beſides a world of other aduantages, which too plainely diſcouered themſelues aſſoone as the warre was new commenced.

As he had thus gotten his feete into the Netherlands, had not *Spaine* in the ſame manner, and with as much vſurpation, thruſt his whole body into *Italy*? let *Naples* ſpeake, let *Sicill*, let the Ilands

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of *Sardinia* and *Corsica*, the Dukedome of *Millan*, the reuolte of the *Valtoline* and a world of other places, some possest, some lying vnder the pretence of strange Titles, but come to giue vp their account, and it will be more then manifest, that no Signorie in all *Italie* but stood vpon his guard, and howerly expected when the Spanish storme should fall vpon them; how many quarrels hath beene piled against the State of *Venice*, some by the *Pope*, some by the King of *Spaine*? how many doubts haue beene throwne vpon *Tuscanie*? what protestations haue flowne to *Genoa*, and what threatnings against *Geneua*? and all to put *Italy* into conbustion, whilst the *Popes* holinesse, and his Catholicke Maiestie, like *Saturnes* sonnes, sat full gordgd with expectation to deuide heauen and earth betweene them.

O was it not a braue politicke tricke of *Spaine*, (neither was thine aduice absent from the mischiefe) when the difference fell betweene *Henry* the Great of *France* and the Duke of *Sauoye*, about the Marquisate of *Saluses*; the King then your master vnder pretence of aiding the Duke his brother in Law, sent diuers Regiments of Spaniards which were quartered some in *Carbonieres*, some in *Montemellion*, *Sauillan*, *Pignoroll* and diuers other places about *Sauoye* and *Piemont*, but when the Truce was concluded, could the Duke vpon any intreatie, potent or message make these Spaniards to quit his Countrie? no, by no meanes, for they were so farre from leauing their foot-hold,

hauing receiued diuers commandments to keepe it, both from the Count *de Fuentes* (at that time Vice-roy of *Millan*) from thee by priuate letters, and from the King your Maſter by ſundrie Commiſſions; that the chiefes of thoſe Troopes, peremptorily anſwered the Duke, that they would hould their gettings, in deſpight of all oppoſitions, and were indeed full as good as their words for a long time, till at laſt the Duke (inforced thereunto) raiſed vp a ſtrong Army, and in a fewe dayes put them all to the ſword; I would here reyeate the Spaniſh attempt againſt the Caſtle of *Nize*, being the very key or opener of an entrance into the very bowels of *Italie*; I could ſpeake of the dangerous quarrel raiſd betweene the Duke of *Sauoye* and the Duke of *Mantoa*, for the Marquiſate of *Montferrat*, and how fatall it was likely to haue beene to the whole ſtate of *Italy*, wherein *Fuentes* and thy ſelfe, ſhewd all the arte of practiſe that might be, which, ſhould become the maſter worke-man; but theſe things are ſo pregnant and apparant that they neede little diſcuſſion.

Let mee now awaken thy memory with ſome ſtirrings vp or practiſes againſt the Kingdome of *France*, no leſſe but more pernitious then any of the former; who was the head or chiefe ſoueraigne (after the the death of *Henry* the third King of *France* and *Poland*) of that moſt vnchriſtianlike combination, intituled the *Holy*, but truely *vnholy League*? was it not *Philip* of *Spaine* one of your moſt Catholike Maſters, who made the great and

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valiant *Guise* his sword and seruant, the ould Queene mother his intelligencer and admirer, the Cardinals his Ministers and seducers, and the Pope himselfe a Prodigall childe, to bestow and giue away whatsoeuer hee required? was not all this *Philip* of *Spaine* your Catholike Master? How long did he keepe *Henry* the fourth surnamed the Great, from his lawfull Throne and inheritance? what Cities did hee possesse? euen the greatest that *France* could number: what Countries vnder his command? all that were rich or fruitfull: and what Nobilitie had hee drawne from their obedience? those that were more powerfull and best beloued; in so much, that had not my most excellent Mistris *Elizabeth*, of blessed and famous Memory, like a strong Rocke against the rage of a furious sea, taken the quarrell into her hand, and by her Royall protection, first vnder the conduct of the Lord *Willoughby*, after vnder the conduct of the Earle of *Essex*, staid and supported that reeling Estate, *France* it is feared, at this houre had onely spoken the Spanish language: but God in his great mercie had otherwise disposed of these practises, and though with some difficulties, brought the Crowne of *France* to its true owner, a Prince so absolutely excellent in euery perfection of true honour and magnimitie, that his paralell hath not beene found in all the Historie of *France*, and although hee had in his very youth and almost child-hood preuailed in diuers Battles, as that at *Montconter*, and at *Rene-le duke*; and

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although hee had beene assayled in the dayes of *Henry* the third, and in the space of foure yeares, by ten Royall Armies successiuely one after another, and sent one to refresh the other, and vnder the conduct of great and most glorious Captaines, against all which he preuailed, as witnessed his victorie at the Battle of *Coutras* and other places, though he had giuen succour to *Henry* the third, and deliuered him from his great danger at *Tours*, bringing to his obedience *Gargeau*, *Gien*, *la Charite*, *Pluuiers*, *Estampes*, *Dourdan* and diuers other places: though hee had beene generally fortunate in all his great actions, yet after the death of *Henry* the third, this deuillish combination, or Spanish knot of the *League* is more ominous, fatall and troublesome vnto him, then all his former vndertakings; and hee found that although hee might haue come to the Crowne of *France* by succession, which was the easiest way, yet God to trie his courage, to exercise the force of his minde, and to make a foolish shadowe or *Ignis Fatuus* of *Spaines* Ambition, presented the most painefull and difficult vnto him, which was that of Conquest: Hee was forst to raise on foote (by the helpe of our English Nation) three Royall Armies, which he dispersst in three Prouinces; the first, into *Normandie*, where he was assisted by the Earle of *Essex*, the second into *Champaigne*, and the third into *Picardie*, where hee was seconded by the Lord *willoughbie*, who brought him triumphantly into the suburbs of *Paris*, and by the blowing

blowing vp of a Porte, offerd to deliuer the whole Cittie to his subiection; the Earle of *Essex* did as much at *Roan*, but the King desired to winne *France*, not to destroy *France*, yet ere the Earle departed, he chased rebellion out of the most part of *Normandie*: the King gaue his enemis (the Spanish faction) battle vpon the plaine of *Yury* and wonne it, by which he regained in lesse then two months fifteene or sixteene great Townes, brought *Paris* to infinit extreamitie, made the Spaniards wish themselues on the other side of the *Pereneans*: and indeede such a generall amazement to all the vnhappie *Leaguers*, that all stood agast, as vncertaine which way to turne them.

This when your great Master beheld, and saw that all his hopes were dying in an instant, like a cunning Coniurer hee seekes to drawe fire and lightning from heauen, to consume what his Armies durst not approach or disualewe, whence it came, that he rouses vp *Gregorie* the 13. then Pope, who indeed was the Oracle, or rather the creature of *Philip* your master, and makes him of a common Father betweene the head of a rebellious and vsurping partie, casting forth his fulminations with such violence and iniustice, that the Buls were taken and burnt both at *Tours* and at *Chalons*; neither sent he out these Buls by his vngodly and bloodie Ministers the Iesuites, or such like desperate and obscure mal-contents, but with an Army of a thousand cassacks of watchet veluet, imbrodred with gold, and Ciphers of Keys ioyned

vnto ſwords (whoſe errand was, to demand the execution of theſe Buls) now ſeing the difficultie wherein affaires ſtood, vpon the vew of one hundred horſe of the French Kings white Cornet, dare not for all the Pope or the King of *Spaines* hopes or commandements abandon the very ſhadowe of the walles of *Verdun*, but like ſo many Foxes lay lurking in their kennels of ſecurity, knowing they had to deale with mē, whoſe ſwords were ſo well ſteeld, that they feared not the lead of *Rome*, onely like ſo many Furies of hell they ſeeke to breake all treaties of peace, and made it an action treaſonable and moſt impious, to talke of an vnity betweene the Soueraigne and the ſubiect.

But for all this, great *Henry* loſt no time, for firſt, he paſſed into *Normandy*, ſecured his friends there, thence hee went into *Picardie*, beſieged *Noyon* and tooke it, euen in the view of the Spaniſh Armie, who although they were three to one, yet durſt not to hazard the Battle: which aduantage the King wiſely taking, and turning head vpon his enemies, albeit hee was aduiſed to the contrary by his chiefeſt ſeruants, yet his courage bound him rather to follow the path of danger with honour, then that of ſafety with ſhame, ſaying as *Pompey* ſaid, *That in ſtriking his foot againſt the earth he would raiſe vp Legions*: ſo the Armies met together at *Aumale*, where though vpon the firſt approach the King was hurt with a ſhot, yet he had ſtrength enough to crye *Charge*, *Charge*, and

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breaking through his enemies, he put the Duke of *Parma* and all his Spaniards to a shamefull retraite; as this, so he beat his enemies at *Bellencombe*, he stripes them at *Bure*, and made them to quit *Yuetot* with much shame and losse.

Thus this Royall Kings quarrell being iust, and maintained by a good sword, the pride of *Spaine* found that if the warre contained longer, her Catholike greatnesse, could haue more wood to heat her Ouen, then corne to send to the Mill.

Tis purposelesse to speake of the ruine of *Quibeuf*, the recouerie of *Espernay*, or that braue assault, where eight Horses put three hundred to route; let it suffice me in one word to conclude, that in despight of all the engines which the Pope or the King of *Spaine* could vse, *Henry* of *France* became triumphant, and your Masters vniuersall Monarchie was turnd topsie turuie; nay, the *League* the *Typhon* of sedition from whence sprung so many Serpents and Vipers of disloyalty, was smothered vnder the *AEtna* of her owne presumption and pride.

But did either *Spaine* or *Rome* here stay their malice? fie no, but rather *Anteus* like, they rose vp with double vigor, and what publique warre could not effect, priuate practise and conspiracie must bring to passe, for ere the Great *Henry* was well warmed in his Throne, *Hell* and the Spanish gold stird vp a wretch, who vndertooke to kill him; the Tyger staid his hand at the shining of a glasse, and after his apprehension, confest that hee

fawe so much pietie and zeale shining in the eyes of this Prince, that he felt horrour in himselfe to offend the Soueraigne dignity ordained of God among Angels and Men. Hence it came that all *France* beheld and tooke notice of *Spaines* Ambition, & that indeed all their labour was but to reduce that florishing Nation to a priuate Prouince, which the Parliament of *Paris* (after it had vomited the phlegme of temporizing) taking to heart, made forth a Decree for the dispersing and banishing of all the Spanish Regiments: and now fiue great Dukes, formerly bewitched with Catholike incantations, fall at the foote of this great King, and confesse how they were beguyled.

The first, was the Duke of *Lorraine*, which obtained a generall Peace for his Estate, through the mediation of *Ferdinand* the Archduke of *Tuscanie*; the second was the Duke of *Mayenne*, who abtained pardon through the wisedome of his carryage, hauing still a watchfull eye, that no generall ruine might happen to the Kingdome; The third, was the Duke of *Guise*, the losse of whose father and vnckle, made his interest the greatest in this quarrell, yet had he the honour to receiue the Kings first imbraces; The fourth was the Duke of *Ioyeuse*, who as soone as hee had kist the Kings hand, forsooke the troubles of the world, betooke himselfe to a solitary life; and the last was the Duke *Mercure*, who brought to the King, not himselfe alone, but with him the reduction of the

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goodlyeſt Prouince in all *France*: To conclude *Philip* of *Spaine* your Maſter, ſeing vpon what falſe wheeles his engins ranne, was content to intreate for peace of this great Cheiftaine.

But did here conſpiracies and Spaniſh plots end? no, nothing ſo: for to come nearer to your owne touche, and to repeate matters of thine owne proſecution, Is it not an Hiſtorie moſt remarkable, and to *Spaine* moſt infamous, of that deſperate vilaine borne at *Negre-peliſſe*, who going into *Spaine* vpon ſome diſcontents conceiued againſt this great *Henry* of *France*, and as it was ſtrongly ſuppoſed, hauing taken ſome directions from you, but full and materiall inſtructions from the Deuils poſt horſes your maſters the Ieſuites, did with all violence proſtitute himſelfe to murther this moſt Chriſtian King; but the matter being ſo important, and carryed through ſo many ſeuerall hands, had loſt ſo much ſtrengh of ſecrecie, that an inckling thereof came to the eares of *de Barraut*, then ordinarie Ambaſſadour in *Spaine* for the King of *France*, who inſtantly out of dutie, and the hatred which euery true Chriſtian ought to beare againſt theſe odious and moſt Atheiſticall practiſes, complained to the Popes *Nuntio*, hoping of redreſſe, both againſt the vilaine himſelfe, your ſelfe and the Ieſuites, who are both vilaines and your ſelfe; but the matter was fully blancht, and your impious eare (that had liſtned to this abhominable ſinne) was excuſed, and the whole offence of ſubornation was

laid vpon a creature of yours; but one of the King of *Spaines* Esquiers, named by the place of his birth *Valdomoro*, who vpon examination (hauing his lesson fore-taught him, confest all the passages to the Duke of *Lerma*, and that not onely this slaue, but diuers others had tendred themselues to the like seruice, yet this with the greatest violence, assuring him that he knew the meanes how to kill the King; which proposition, vpon some conference with a Iesuite (who neuer take distast at such a practise) he had accepted of, but yet with that caution and delay that nothing proceeded therein, neither was likely to proceed, and so all things were shut vp without any further discouerie, onely that *de Barraut* aduertised the King his Master thereof: but was this honorable or pious in *Spaine*? no, the praise had beene more perfect, and the merit more plaine and euident for the Spaniards, if they had punished the Traytor, made thy selfe *Valdomoro*, and the Iesuite examples, not to listen or giue eare to such odious conspiracies, and by a carefull aduertisement to the King, made others dread the entering into so odious a businesse, for it is true in all the lawes of hospitalitie, that this slaue ought not to haue come out of *Spaine* vnchastised, for all Kings are brothers, and all Kingdomes interessed in these attemps. But the designes of *Spaine* lookt now an other way, and the Traytor had leaue to escape, who returning afterwards into *France*, was by *de Verdun* first President of *Languedoc*, apprehended

at *Tholouſe* and there executed, and his companion condemud to the Gallies. O how farre was this action ſhorte, of that Royall and Princely acte of the famous late Queene *Elizabeth*! who hauing receiued intelligence of ſome Spaniſh miſchieues pretended againſt this great King, forthwith gaue him intelligence, that a ſtrange Gentleman, who was one of his followers, had no good meaning towards his perſon, and related vnto him euery circumſtãce as ſhe had receiued it; but ſuch was the bountie of this great King, that allbe reaſon would that he ſhould haue bin apprehended, yet the King neuer diſcouered vnto him a frowne, but he ſtill remained in the Court well entertained, was mounted out of the Kings ſtable, and honoured with many of his truſtie cõmandements, till in the end torturd with his owne conſcience, he ſtole away from the Court, & durſt no longer abuſe ſo Royall a bountie; that this was a Fauorite of *Spaine* your ſelfe cannot deny, that he fled from *France* into *Spaine*, your one Cabanet is a witneſſe, and that you did preſerue him for the like exploits in others places: the marke on his face, the colour of his beard, and his cloaths cut after the *Walloone* faſhion were too apparant teſtimonies.

I might here recounte this great Kings death by *Rauillac*, from whoſe blood, neither thy ſelfe nor *Spaine* can waſh themſelues, though all the Riuers in the world were exhauſted and thruſt into one entyer Bath, and ſo ſpent vpon your particu-

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lar cleanſings; but theſe truths are ſo freſh in memorie, they need neither repeating, nor amplification.

I could to theſe adde a world of others, as the attempts vpon the life and ſafety of the late Queene *Elizabeth* of famous memorie, and the making of all thoſe inhumane creatures Pentioners of *Spaine*, who had either by rebellion or other treaſonable practiſe, attempted any thing for her vntimely and ſad deſtruction.

Was our late dread Soueraigne, King *Iames* of bleſſed and happy memorie, that *Salomon* of his time, a Prince ſo indulgent and carefull for euery good thing that might happen to *Spaine*, a man ſo tender and vigilant for her reputation, that hee euer plac'd it in the next rancke to his owne honour? was he I ſay? was this good King free from the bloody practiſes of *Spaine*? no, to the eternall infamie of ingratefull and bloody *Spaine*; I may euer proclaime it that he was more deepely plunged and his life, more bitterly beſieged and aſſaulted, then any whatſoeuer before rehearſed: and to this I call vp the plot of all plots, that Deuill of many legions of Deuils, the Gun-pouder conſpiracie, that which ſhould haue deſtroyed all, not a ſingle Prince or a ſingle man, but many Princes, many mens whole generations; here was cruell *Spaine* and here indeed (had not God preuented) was a ſtrong foundation for an vniuerſall Monarchie; and that *Spaine* may not in this, pleade not guilty: let her diſcouer to the world what

what occurrents they were which drew *Thomas Winter* into her confines, what negotiation was that which hee held with *de Laxis*, whence came his instructions and letters commendatorie into the Archdutchesse Countrie? where did *Guy Faucks* receiue his breeding? who gaue information of his knowledge in myning? and who preferred and aduanc't him to this peece of most damnable seruice? questionlesse let truth answere to any of these positions, and the speech it must vtter, will be Spanish language; who in all this Nation was so intimate with you as the Archpriest *Garnet*? or who like him found at your hands equall protection? he confest and absolued the Traytors, and thou didst absolue and confesse him, and thereby didst get vnto thy selfe from thine owne Tribe, the nicke-name of *Archbishop Ambassadour*.

Thus I haue brought *Spaines* attemps for an vniuersall Monarchie, from *Portugall* to the *Netherlands*, thence through *Italy*, so into *France*; *England* was lookt vpon by the way, in the yeare 1688. but shee was not so drowsie as others: there is now but *Germanie* betwixt him and the end of his Ambition, but is that free and vntouched? woe to speake it, that of all is the worst and most horred: O the lamentable estate, of those once most happie Princes! how hath the house of *Austria* drownd them in blood? and by the worke of ciuill dissention, made them in their furies to deuoure one another. Is there any thing in this age more lamentable or remarquable, then the losse

of the *Palatinate?* or is there any thing in which thy villany can so much triumph as in that politique defeature? why, the lyes which thou didst vtter to abuse the Maiestie of *England*, and to breed delayes till thy Masters designes were effected, were so curious and so cunning, so apte to catch, and so strong in the holding, that the Deuill (who was formerly the author of lyes) hath now from thee taken new presidents for lying. I would here speake of thy Archdutchesses dissimulation, but shee is a great Lady, and their errours at the worst are weake vertues.

Therefore to thee that hast lent both fuell and flame to all the mischiefes of *Europe*, and that art now bigge in labour with new troubles and vexations, arise and collect thy spirits, become once honest and religious, let thy seruices depend vpon good and necessarie affaires, and not vpon malicious and bloody practises: for behold, I thy *Tormentor* will neuer be absent from thine elbow, and whatsoeuer thou shalt contriue or plot for the hurt of Great *Britaine*, I with the helpe of the holy Angels will returne vpon thine owne bosome and the bosome of thy Countrie, for the good of heauen and earth, who is the Protector of the Innocent; hath made Royall King CHARLES and his Throne precious in his sight, therefore if thou desirest to liue and see good dayes, touch not his annointed and doe his *Prophets* no hurt.

At these words, the glorious aparition (waning his

his ſword about) vaniſhed out of his ſight, and the poore *Don* as if awakened from a deadly or mortall ſleepe roſe vp, looking about with ſuch gaſtly amazedneſſe as affrighted all that beheld him. In the end eſpying his owne ſeruants, with teares in his eyes, terrour in his heart, and a generall trembling ouer all his body, he went into his Litter, and returned home, where how he refreſht himſelfe, how hee appeared before the deſigned Commiſſioners, and how he anſwered the expectation both of them and the King his Maſter, ſhall be declared vpon the next returne of the woman Poſte which paſſeth betwixt the Engliſh and the Spaniſh *Ieſuits*.

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